



National Transportation Safety Board

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Office of Marine Safety

Date: 6/15/06

Place: Boston, MA

Person Interviewed: Deckhand Delia Teahan

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INTRODUCTION

Ms. Teahan was interviewed regarding the 6/12/06 fire on the Massachusetts. The text that follows is not a verbatim record of the conversation, but a summary of the recorded interview. Interview was conducted at USCG Sector Boston.

INTERVIEW

- 6/15/06 @ 1410
- No previous maritime background prior to working for MBL
- Worked for MBL since 5/22/06
- Title is deckhand/bartender
- Works only on Massachusetts
- Schedule is M/W/F 0600-1845
- On her first day of work, capt performed walk-through with her showing her; fire extinguisher locations, fuel shutoffs, lines, shore power, around pilothouse
- Has not participated in emergency drills yet. Missed previous drill due to personal reasons
- Accident events:
 - In bar area when leaving dock at 1600
 - Serving pax drinks
 - Soon after, vessel to full speed, noticed smoke at stern

- Reported more smoke than normal to capt & mate in wheelhouse
- capt left to go inspect
- returned to 2nd deck bar area
- pax brought smoke to her attention, told him capt had been informed
- returned to wheelhouse to get update
- capt was back in wheelhouse conferring with mate
- capt decided to secure fuel oil & drop anchor
- she didn't help much with anchor due to its weight
- lower deck deckhand was escorting lower deck pax to upper deck
- capt directed her to keep pax away from fire
- starting distributing lifejackets to passengers by direction of capt.
- M/V Laura pulls alongside
- pax still on 2nd deck away from fire
- pax escorted from 2nd to 1st deck & onto Laura through stbd. fwd. door
- estimates it was no more than 20 minutes from noticing smoke to disembarking pax
- Laura leaves
- all 4 crew stayed onboard, capt never opened engine room door again
- capt never opened engine room door, but smoke was coming through the main deck
- Quincy police said CG ordered crew off of Massachusetts
- crew boarded Quincy police boat
- pax had no trouble donning lifejackets
- her duties include upper deck deckhand, taking care of coffee bar
- also handles bar during charters
- handles lines during charters
- no knowledge of maintenance performed that afternoon when docked at Charlestown dock
- dock called Mystic Pier #1, also called "Subaru" dock
- training class she missed for personal reasons was for man overboard and security training
- orderly disembarking of pax, pax not panicing

END OF INTERVIEW